Launching 'Operation Green Gold' by Coal India Limited

4639. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited has embarked on a project called 'Operation Green Gold'; and

(b) if so, which are the targetted operational areas, time frame and the cost involved therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) On the occasion of the World Environment Day celebrated on 5th June, 1990, Coal India Ltd. had brought out a publication 'Operation Green Gold'. This publication inter-alia covered the steps taken for environmental protection, future perspective etc. and was intended to reaffrm CIL's commitment for protection of the environment in coalfield areas.

Opening coal dumps in North Bihar

4640. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Bihar under this letter No. 1717 dated, 22nd April, 1992 and letter No. 202 dated 3rd July, 1992 had requested Chairman Coal India Limited to open coal dumps in districts to North Bihar for domestic and industrial consumption; and

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken till date?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the New Policy on stockyards, responsibility for setting up and managing coal stockyards has been vested with the respective State Government or their Undertakings. The Government of Bihar have accordingly been advised to open stockyards as per the requirement.

Commissioning of Ramagundam Stage II Project

4641. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ramagundam Stage II Project was sanctioned in January, 1987 at an estimated cost of Rs. 147.16 crores with the commissioning date of March, 1992;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Project has slipped by about three years;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what is the amount of foreign aid received, so far, for the project and the amount actually spent; and

(e) what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e) Ramagundam-II Opencast project of Singareni Collieries Co. Ltd. was originally sanctioned in January, 1987 at Rs. 147.16 crores with likely commissioning date as March, 1992. The project involved implementation of new crusher-conveyor technology of opencast mining with German financial as well as technical assistance and it was covered under Indo-German Protocol. The project got delayed in the process of selection and finalisation of general contractor which had to be done as per terms of the German credit. After considering all the related issues and having taken a total view of the project, the Government have

sanctioned revised cost of the project at Rs. 554.22 crores including a foreign exchange component of DM 145.53 million. The revised commissioning date of the project is March, 1995.

The total amount of German credit provided for this project in the Protocol is DM 172.39 million. Out of this, an amount of DM 14.25 million has been utilised upto June, 1992.

Steps taken to ensure commissioning of the project as per revised schedule, inter alia, include timely acquisition of land, arrangement for rehabilitation of affected persons, mine development in accordance with the approved mine plan and provision of suitable clauses in the contract as safeguards against late delivery of equipment and delay in project construction by the General Contractor.

Staff of CIL in Delhi

4642. SHRI RANJAN PRASAD YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of officers are working in Delhi office of the Coal India Limited for a long time; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) There are 46 executives of Coal India Limited posted at Delhi out of whom 9 are working for more than 10 years, 12 between 5 to 10 years and 25 for less than 5 years. The position of transfer of officers from Delhi is reviewed by the management from time to time as per the transfer guidelines of the company. Transfer orders of two executives posted at Delhi for more than 10 years have been issued.

French collaboration for coal mining projects

4643. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek French collaboration for coal mining projects;

(b) whether some agreement has been reached between the two countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) The following Coal Projects are presently under implementation with French assistance:

1. Kottadih (ECL)
2. Rajur (WCL)
3. East Katras Sub-level caving (BCCL)
4. GDK 10 and GDK 8 Incline Project (SCCL)
5. Training Centre at Burradhemo (ECL)

During the Eleventh meeting of the Indo-French Working Group on Coal held in Paris in June, 1992, the Indian side have requested the French side to consider the possibility of assisting India in setting up of an Integrated Coal Project consisting of an underground mine, a washery and a Captive Power Plant at Ananta (Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd.) in Orissa. The other coal projects posed for possible future cooperation include R.K. New Tech. (SCCL), Ghusick Underground (ECL) and Bhanora West-UG (ECL). The modalities and details of these proposals will be worked out after the French side agrees in principle to the above proposals.